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DEFENSE PLAN

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AMBASSADOR RIVERO

1. SPANISH HAVE INFORMED US THAT, IN DISCUSSION OF
"ANNUAL DEFENSE COMPATIBITILY PLAN" (AGENDA TIEM 6,
REF C), THEY INTEND TABLE GOS RESPONSE TO US "ACTION
PLAN" GIVEN THEM IN MAY 1973 (REFS A AND B).

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF ADVANCE COPY
OF SPANISH RESPONSE PROVIDED THROUGH PERMANENT
SECRETARIAT:

BEGIN TRANSLATION.

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HIGH GENERAL STAFF

NOTE TO BE SUBMITTED IN THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

1. THE OUTLINE "ACTION DEFENSE COMPATIBILITY PLAN" PREPARED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH NINE OF THE ANNEX OF THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, IS CONSIDERED IN PRINCIPLE AS AN ACCEPTABLE RESPONSE TO THE "CONSIDERATIONS AND GENERAL PROPOSALS" PRESENTED BY THE SPANISH CO-PRESIDENT IN JANUARY OF THE PRESENT YEAR.

2. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ACTION PLAN IS CONSIDERED CORRECT AND APPROPRIATE, AN OBJECTIVE EXPRESSED IN A PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE BY THE AMERICAN CO-PRESIDENT AND INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT PROPOSAL, WHICH SEEKS TO:

(A) WORK TOWARD A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBLE THREAT;

(B) IMPROVE THE PRESENT SITUATION BY MEANS OF PRACTICAL STEPS TO HARMONIZE DEFENSE EFFORTS, SUCH AS: JOINT TRAINING, IMPROVED LOGISTICAL CAPABILITY, AND IMPROVED COORDINATION OF AIR CONTROL AND WARNING.

3. THE PLAN PROPOSED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO CERTAIN DEFINITIONS WITH REGARD TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTION PROGRAMS WHICH COMPRISE SAID PLAN.

4. SUCH RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE GENERAL OUTLINE PLAN COULD BE STATED IN BROAD TERMS AS THE LACK OF CONCRETE INFORMATION ABOUT:

(A) JOINT DEFINITION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC ZONE OR ZONES OF COMMON INTEREST;

(B) SPANISH UNAWARENESS OF THE MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS WHICH UNDERLY SOME AMERICAN REQUESTS;

(C) THE NEED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PROSPECTIVE STRATEGIC PLANS THAT MAY AFFECT SPANISH TERRITORIES OR ZONES OF INTEREST IN ORDER TO DIRECT SPANISH EFFORTS;

(D) UNAWARENESS OF THE MISSIONS THAT MIGHT BELONG TO SPAIN IN CASE OF A CONFLICT THAT AFFECTED IT;

(E) ALSO, UNAWARENESS OF THE AID THAT SPAIN COULD
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RECEIVE FROM THE US IN CASE OF A LIMITED CONFLICT (IN ZONES OF COMMON INTEREST) WITH A COUNTRY ACTING "BY PROXY."

5. ALL THE FOREGOING WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF CONVERSATIONS AND PROPOSALS THAT WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OR PRESENTED THROUGH THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT IN PERIODIC MEETINGS.

THOSE MEETINGS SHOULD BE PROMPT AND FREQUENT IN ORDER NOT TO
DELAY ESECUTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS EMANATING FROM
THEM. END TRANSLATION.

3. I DO NOT PROPOSE TO COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF SPANISH
PROPOSAL, SINCE ADVANCE COPY WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR
CAREFUL STUDY AND CONSIDERATION. I WILL SIMPLY STATE
THAT US GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE RESPONSE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.
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